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Continuation Sheet

Section Number 10 Page 1 Kents Corner Historic District
Calais, Washington County, Vermont

Boundary Description

The boundary of the new Kents Corner Historic District is delineated on the shaded area of the map accompanying the nomination form. The original (1973) historic district is indicated in a one-quarter mile radius from Kents Corner; and the original (1973) Old West Church nomination is now property #29. The original historic district and property #29 are both incorporated in the new district. The irregular boundary of the new district follows the perimeter property lines of the properties along Kent Hill Road, Robinson Cemetery Road and the Old West Church Road. These three roads form the axis of the district and meet at Kents Corner. These property lines are derived from the Town of Calais's official tax map. The map was printed with these property lines by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Council in Montpelier.

Boundary Justification

The new historic district is comprised of the land and resources associated historically with the Kents Corner neighborhood. This rural landscape retains the integrity of appearance that was present during the period of significance, 1800-1955. The new district follows the perimeter property lines of the properties along Kent Hill Road, Robinson Cemetery Road and the Old West Church Road. These three dirt roads were established by 1800, form the axis of the district and meet at Kents Corner. Woodlands form a ring around the district's entire boundary and the Bliss Town Forest (#31) is included because of its historical association with property #30. Three solely agricultural properties (#14, #15, #16) have no structures, however they were associated historically with a Kent farm and are included in the immediate view shed of Kents Corner. The eastern boundary of the district is extended into the area known as Gospel Hollow because the Christian Church (#7), now the Calais Town Hall, is significant to the history of government affairs in the neighborhood. Also, Reverend Orrin Davis (#9) was minister to the neighborhood for over 50 years. The Kent Brick Kiln site (#6) was operated by the Kent family and contributed to the industrial history of the district. The historic properties in Gospel Hollow were integral to the life ways of the neighborhood. These 42 properties and their boundaries are sufficient to convey the historic significance of the Kents Corner Historic District.